

ARRIVALS.
EMERALDA, British steamer, 866, G.
 der. Manila 28th September, General.—
SWAN & Co.
NAMOA, British str., 863, C.H. Harris,
 ang. 27th Sept., General.—**DOUGLAS**
PAIK & Co.
INGPO, German steamer, Th. Lehmann,
 Int. Oct., General.—**SIEMSEN & CO.**
PHOTOS, German str., 1,150, H. Johann,
 Bangkok 23rd Sept., Rice.—**WIELER**

ARRIVALS. British steamer, 1,304, 1882,
arrived 20th Sept., and Swatow 30th,
—, German steamer, 1,475, 1882,
arrived 28th Sept., and Hoihow 30th, Gen-
—, ED. SCHELLER & Co.
ARRIVALS APFAR, British str. 1,392, J.
—, Calcutta 14th Sept., Penang
—, and Singapore 25th. Opium and Gene-
—, D. SASSON, SOY & Co.

CLEARANCES.
—, HERRMAN MASTER'S OFFICE.
30th SEPTEMBER
—, Amr. bark for New York.
—, Toner, British str. for Kutchinotau.
—, French str. for Haiphong.
—, British bark for New York.
—, British str. for Singapore.

ia, British str., for Singapore.
 British str., for Shanghai.
 German bark, for Callao.
 German str., for Helow.
 British str., for Singapore.
 Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 g, German str., for Shanghai.
 ng, British str., for Swatow.
 id, German str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.
 ANCONA, British str., for Yokohama.
 DONAX, German str., for Saigon.
 PEICHO, British str., for Canton.
 FOKKEN, British str., for Tamsui.
 KRENNHOLD, Ger. str., for Hamburg.
 MEMMO, German str., for Kadut.
 WINGANG, British str., for Calcutta.
 ALWINE, German str., for Helow.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Noma, sir, from Foochow. Mrs.
and Rev. and Mrs. Bondfield and children.
Fitzroy, sir, from Shanghai. Messrs.
Cheetham and Hildebrand, Miss King,
Chinese.
Farrara Apar, sir, from Calcutta, (see
p. 2). W. Lambie and E. A. Kenyon, and
messrs.

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This island of Koh Samui, which France

reported to have ceded to Russia as a cooling

station, is situated in the Gulf of Siam and

was taken possession of by France in June

last. Prior to that time it was generally sup-

posed to belong to Siam, but it was then

stated that it had for years past been claimed

by France as a possession of Cambodia. It

is not of large extent and except for strategic

purposes possesses little value. If France

had proceeded to more active hostilities

with Siam she might have found the

island useful as a naval base had Siam

proved a formidable opponent, but when

Koh Samui was taken possession of, the immediate

necessity for maintaining a station at Koh

Samui disappeared. That France should

have ceded the island to Russia, however,

would seem a little remarkable, and

we are inclined to regard the rumour with

some degree of doubt. However great may

be the present friendship between the two

Powers it could hardly be expected that

France would wish to see Russia installed

in the Gulf of Siam, where, in the event of

any future difference arising, the latter

could make herself exceedingly disagreeable.

At present, however, France is assiduously

cultivating Russian goodwill as an off-

set to the Triple Alliance, and it is

when we come to the unit of the nation's

colours in this story grow somewhat

what dull. To all intents and purposes

the individual condition of the unit has

undergone no change for a quarter

of a century. Here and there the pay of

skilled labour has increased, and in some

cases has increased very largely; but in the

main, say in sixty per cent. of the occupa-

tions of the people, wages have either

declined, or remained stationary, while the

price of food grains has gone up. Taking

the returns of two typical workers, the abso-

lute agricultural labourer, and the com-

mon mason, carpenter, or blacksmith, we

find that out of a number of representative

districts, purposely chosen because, within a

very little, each expresses the economic

conditions of a wide radius; the pay of the

unskilled labourer has declined in eight dis-

tricts and remained stationary in four, while

the pay of the mason, carpenter, or black-

smith has declined (in some cases enormously)

in seven districts and remained stationary

in five. The calculation shows that com-

bining for a moment the two classes of

labour in each district, only five out of twenty-

three show any improvement in twenty

years. We find a similar difficulty, however,

in accepting these statements as conveying an

accurate comparison of the condition of the

people of India now and twenty years ago.

There must be, we suspect, some explanation

which would show that notwithstanding the

seeming retrogression there has in reality

been a substantial improvement in the

condition of the people. Taking the state-

ments as to the wages, however, coupled

with the fact that all grain foods are dearer,

rice being fifty per cent. dearer, it would

certainly seem that cheap silver, however it

may have stimulated industry and enriched

capitalists, has not benefited the people as a

whole. In gold using countries the condition

of the working man has undergone a marked

advancement during the last twenty years.

If the currency medium has anything to do

with the matter, therefore, the comparison

shows that the advantage is entirely on

the side of silver. It must not be too

hastily inferred, however, that it is the

relative currencies of the two regions that

the difference in the advancement in the

general well being of the people is due.

The varying rates of progress in education

and the greater improvement in the quality

of labour itself in the more advanced

countries (due in great part to the shorten-

ing of the hours of labour) are probably

the chief factors in producing the difference.

With regard to the cotton industry, for

instance, it is said by an Indian contem-

porary that while every year sees new inven-

tions and greater economies introduced into

English mills, Bombay is doing much the

same as it did thirty years ago, and the work-

men have been allowed to do less work in

the same time. It is not, one would naturally

expect, one would naturally expect to find that

the condition of the people engaged in the in-

dustry in England should have improved

more rapidly than that of those engaged in

it in Bombay.

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